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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

**County: Lassen**

**Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office**

**Project Title: Environmental clearances for the Dodge Reservoir Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Project**

### **PROJECT GOAL**

The goal of the grant funding from SNC is to fund the botanical and archeological surveys needed to complete an Environmental assessment for the implementation of the Dodge Reservoir Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Project. The restoration project is designed to help restore sage-grouse habitat within the Buffalo-Skedaddle Population Management Unit by removing Western Juniper.

### **PROJECT SCOPE**

Grant funds will fund the contracting of botanical and archeological surveys and their associated reports for approximately 977 acres, which will be used in the development of an environmental assessment, prior to project implementation. The project itself was developed by the Northern California Sage-Grouse working group as part of the Conservation Strategy for Sage-grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystems in the Buffalo Skeddaddle Population Management Unit (PMU). The work group consists of California Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management( BLM), Lassen County Board of Supervisors, University of California Cooperative Extension, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as other miscellaneous stakeholders. The Buffalo Skeddaddle PMU is 1.4 million acres in size and will support between 1500-4500 sage-grouse. The overall goal of the project is to remove juniper overstory and improve the understory vegetation. Improving understory vegetation will help to stabilize the watershed, by improving total cover and reducing overland flow. The removal of juniper from the watershed may also help increase the amount of water available for nearby springs and seeps. BLM has secured \$100,000 towards the on the ground implementation of the project, through the presidents Healthy Lands Initiative.

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

**N/A**

## **SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE**

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
INCLUDE SPECIFIC TASKS IDENTIFIED IN SCOPE AND ALL REPORTS, ETC.	ASSUME START DATE 60 DAYS AFTER SNC BOARD AUTHORIZATION
Writing of Contract and Development of Statement of Work for Botanical and Archeological Surveys	February 2009
On the ground meetings with potential contractors	March 2009
Award contract for surveys	April 2009
Botanical survey completed, 977 acres	June 2009
<b>Archeological survey completed, 977 acres</b>	<b>June 2009</b>
<b>6 month report due to SNC</b>	<b>August 2009</b>
<b>Botanical reports due to BLM</b>	<b>September 2009</b>
<b>Archeological reports due to BLM</b>	<b>September 2009</b>
<b>Final report due to SNC</b>	<b>December 2009</b>

**SNC PROJECT COSTS**

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
INCLUDE COSTS FOR STAFF, TASKS, DELIVERABLES AND PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES	\$
Botanical and Archeological Surveys (including travel to site by contractor, database searches, and final reports on 977 acres)	\$36,500
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<b>SNC GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>